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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO

and  
FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

AS OF  
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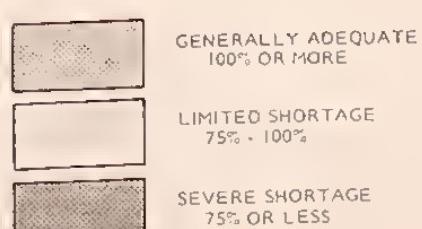
## WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

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FORECASTS OF STREAMFLOW FOR THE SNOWMELT RUNOFF PERIOD RANGE FROM NEAR AVERAGE IN THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN TO 200 PERCENT FOR MOST SECTIONS OF THE RIO GRANDE IN NEW MEXICO. SNOWPACK ON THE GROUND BY MARCH 1 NORMALLY REPRESENTS ABOUT 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF THE MAXIMUM SEASONAL ACCUMULATION. PRECIPITATION DURING MARCH WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN FORECASTS MADE THE FIRST OF APRIL. SOME DRAINAGES LIKE THE SOUTH PLATTE STILL NEED ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION TO INSURE A PLENTIFUL WATER SUPPLY WHILE OTHERS IN NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHWEST COLORADO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL FLOODING.

COLORADO -- PRECIPITATION DURING FEBRUARY WAS VARIABLE. SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO RECEIVED ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION; CENTRAL AND NORTHERN COLORADO RECEIVED NEAR NORMAL AMOUNTS; AND THE SOUTH PLATTE, ARKANSAS AND RIO GRANDE BASINS WERE BELOW NORMAL. STREAMS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOW 85 TO 90 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL IN SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO. OTHER MAJOR BASINS SHOULD HAVE FLOWS 10 TO 40 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL EXCEPT FOR THE SOUTH PLATTE WHICH IS FORECAST NEAR AVERAGE.

NEW MEXICO -- ABOVE NORMAL PRECIPITATION IN FEBRUARY CONTINUED TO INCREASE THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK TO RECORD LEVELS. AS A RESULT ALL STREAMS IN THE RIO GRANDE ARE FORECAST TO PRODUCE RUNOFF TWICE THEIR NORMAL AMOUNTS. ABNORMALLY HEAVY SNOWPACKS EXISTING AT LOWER ELEVATIONS COUPLED WITH WET SOIL PROFILES RAISES THE POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL FLOODING IN LOW LYING AREAS IF THE RIGHT COMBINATIONS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS OCCUR. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FLOOD POTENTIAL WHEN SNOWMELT GETS UNDERWAY.



The map on this page indicates the most probable water supply as of the date of this report. Estimates assume average conditions of snow fall, precipitation and other factors from this date to the end of the forecast period. As the season progresses accuracy of estimates improve. In addition to expected streamflow, reservoir storage, soil moisture in irrigated areas, and other factors are considered in estimating water supply. Estimates apply to irrigated areas along the main streams and may not indicate conditions on small tributaries.



**GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO****YOUR WATER SUPPLY**

Snowpack over the Gunnison Basin dropped slightly from 162 percent of average last month to 150 percent of average on March 1. Precipitation over the basin varied from well below to well above normal in February. However, a bountiful spring runoff is anticipated with streamflow forecast to be 30 to 74 percent above normal. Storage in Taylor Reservoir is near normal and Blue Mesa contains 124 percent of normal for this time of year. Soil moisture is rated as good in all areas.

**STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September**

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Gunnison River inflow to Blue Mesa Reservoir (1)	1120	149	754.0
Gunnison River near Crand Junction (2)	2000	174	1150.0
North Fork of Gunnison (3)	370	141	262.0
Surface Creek near Cedaredge	22	145	15.2
Uncompahgre River at Colona	170	132	129.0

(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Taylor Reservoir. (2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Taylor Reservoirs.

**WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK**

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period			1963-77 Average
	Spring Season	Summer	Late Season	
Ohio Creek	Exc	Avg		
Slate River	Exc	Avg		
Taylor River	Exc	Avg		
Tomichi Creek	Exc	Avg		
Blue Mesa	830	418	238	338
Morrow Point	121	115	114	102
Taylor	106	62	32	63

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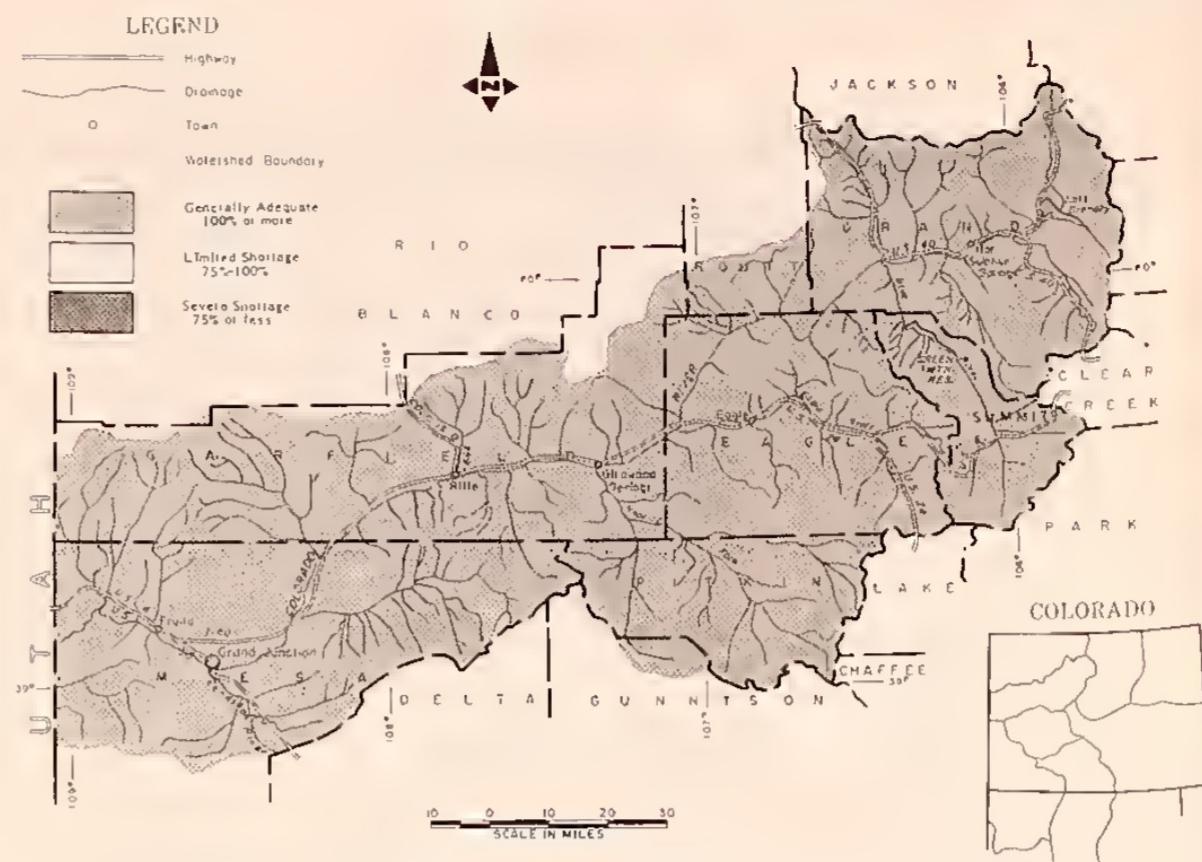
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**COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO****SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS**

RIVER BASIN AND SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Surveyed	This Year's Snow Water as Percent of Last Year	1963-77 Average
Blue River	8	77	110
Colorado	20	86	122
Plateau	2	109	52
Roaring Fork	7	111	127
Williams Fork	3	87	114
Willow	2	114	140

**SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS**

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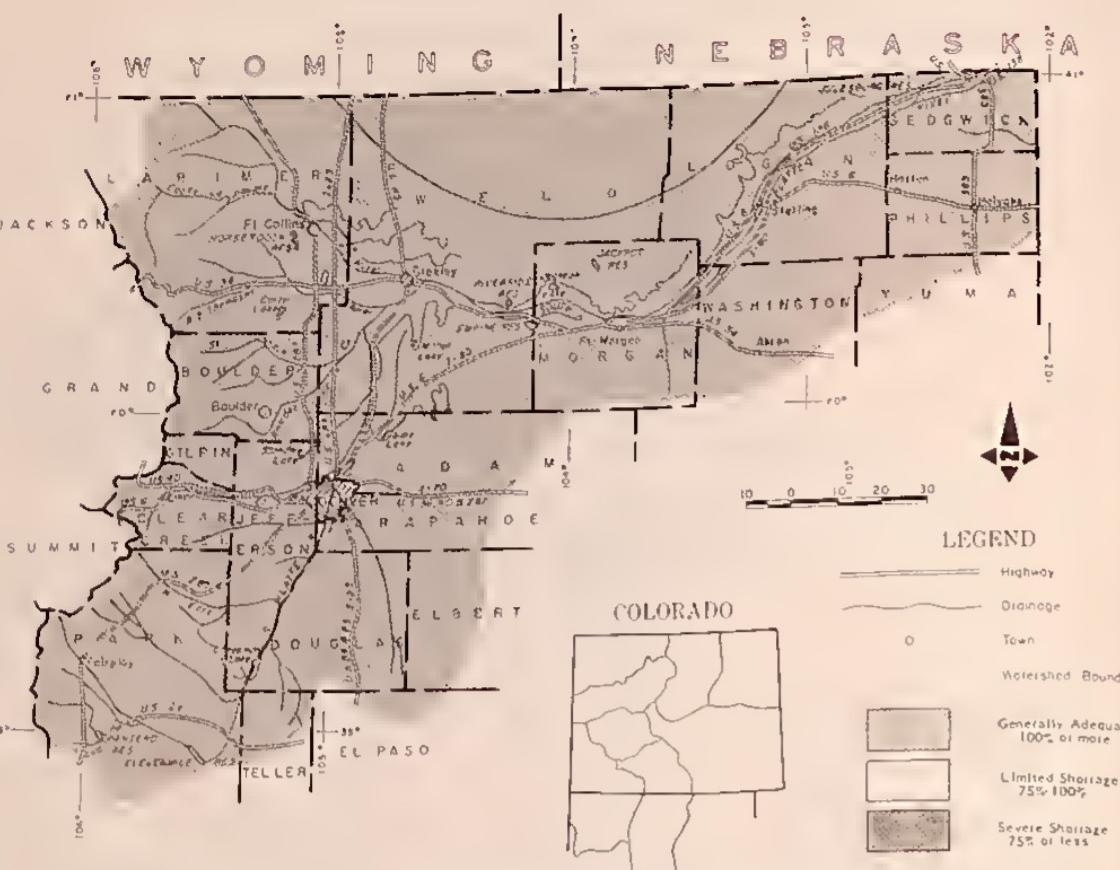
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**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO**SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS  
(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN AND SUBWATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF LAST YEAR	1963-77 Average
Big Thompson	5	81	124
Boulder	3	79	105
Cache La Poudre	9	90	123
Clear Creek	5	72	97
Saint Vrain	3	99	146
South Platte	7	107	118

## SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD		
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	LAST YEAR	Avg. 63-77
<b>SOUTH PLATTE BASIN</b>					
<b>Boulder Creek</b>					
Baltimore	2/26	17	3.8	6.6	5.7
Boulder Falls	2/26	36	11.3	13.1	10.3
Lake Eldora	2/27	41	10.4	—	—
University Camp	2/26	46	15.8	19.6	13.5
<b>Big Thompson River</b>					
Bear Lake	2/27	57	17.1	21.8	—
Deer Ridge	2/28	22	5.9	7.8	3.9
Hidden Valley	2/24	37	8.4	12.9	7.9
Lake Irene (B)	2/26	61	21.5	25.9	17.4
Long's Peak	2/28	44	11.9	11.6	8.2
Two Mile	2/27	50	13.6	15.8	11.1
Willow Park	2/25	57	17.5	21.0	—
<b>Cache La Poudre</b>					
Bennett Creek	2/27	31	7.8	6.9	6.2
Big South	2/28	13	3.0	2.9	1.5
Cameron Pass	2/24	66	24.3	29.1	22.6
Chambers Lake	2/27	37	10.7	13.5	7.7
Deadman Hill	2/27	55	15.4	15.4	12.9
Hourglass Lake	2/27	30	7.0	7.9	5.6
Joe Wright	2/27	66	20.7	27.1	19.6
Lost Lake	2/27	40	12.5	14.0	9.5
Red Feather	2/26	26	7.8	7.1	5.3
<b>Clear Creek</b>					
Baltimore (B)	2/26	17	3.8	6.6	5.7
Berthoud Falls	2/26	39	11.1	13.6	11.0
Empire	2/26	24	5.4	6.1	5.9
Crizzly Peak (B)	2/26	48	14.5	21.0	14.1
Loveland Lift	Discontinued				
Loveland Pass	2/26	42	12.7	18.4	12.5
<b>St. Vrain River</b>					
Copeland Lake	2/25	23	6.2	6.5	3.8
Ward	2/27	24	5.8	5.2	4.4
Wild Basin	2/25	42	13.1	13.5	8.9
<b>South Platte River</b>					
Bison Reservoir	2/28	18	3.6	2.2	—
Como	3/01	24	6.0	5.0	5.9
Geneva Park	2/25	18	4.3	2.5	3.3
Horseshoe Mountain	2/27	39	10.8	9.9	8.3
Hoosier Pass	2/26	38	10.8	12.7	9.9
Jefferson Creek	3/01	35	9.1	9.0	7.3
Mosquito	2/27	35	9.8	11.0	8.3
Trout Creek Pass	2/28	26	5.0	2.2	4.1

## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

FEBRUARY BROUGHT BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION OVER THE ENTIRE BASIN AND FORECASTS OF STREAMFLOW GENERALLY REFLECT THIS CHANGE. SOUTH PLATTE HEADWATERS IN SOUTH PARK, CLEAR CREEK AND BOULDER CREEK ARE ALL EXPECTED TO FLOW NEAR NORMAL IF AVERAGE PRECIPITATION IS RECEIVED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. OTHER STREAMS IN THE NORTHERN FRONT RANGE ARE FORECAST TO PRODUCE FLOWS 15 TO 25 PERCENT ABOVE NORMAL. WATER STORED IN SOUTH PLATTE RESERVOIRS IS 96 PERCENT OF NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, WITH GOOD PRECIPITATION IN MARCH AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY IS PROJECTED FOR ALL STREAMS.

## STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Big Thompson River at Drake (1)	120	118	102.0
Boulder Creek at Ordell	47	105	45.1
Cache La Poudre River at Canyon Mouth (2)	280	115	243.0
Clear Creek at Golden (3)	118	98	120.0
St. Vrain Creek at Lyons	89	125	71.6
Bear Creek at Morrison	27	96	28.0
South Platte River at South Platte	72	96	193.0

(1) Observed flow plus storage to peak plants. (2) Observed flow since transmission diversion plus conceptual and interception diversions. (3) Observed flow since through August 1963. Includes diversion through August 1963.

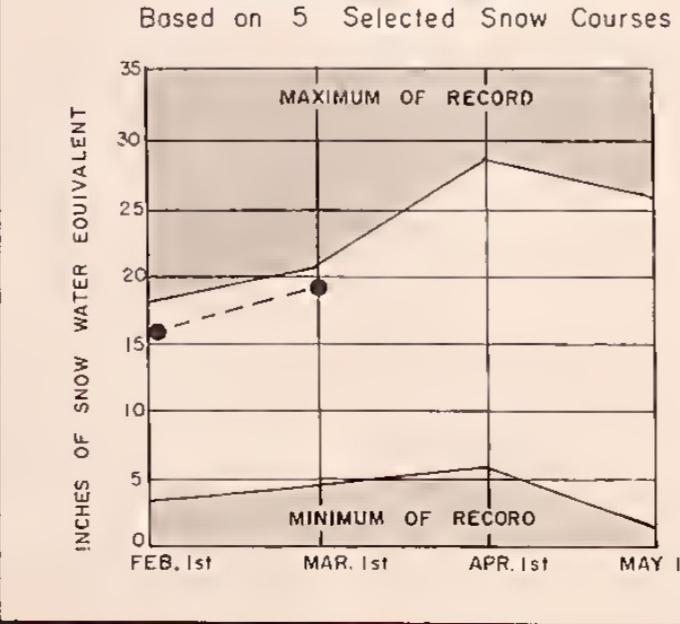
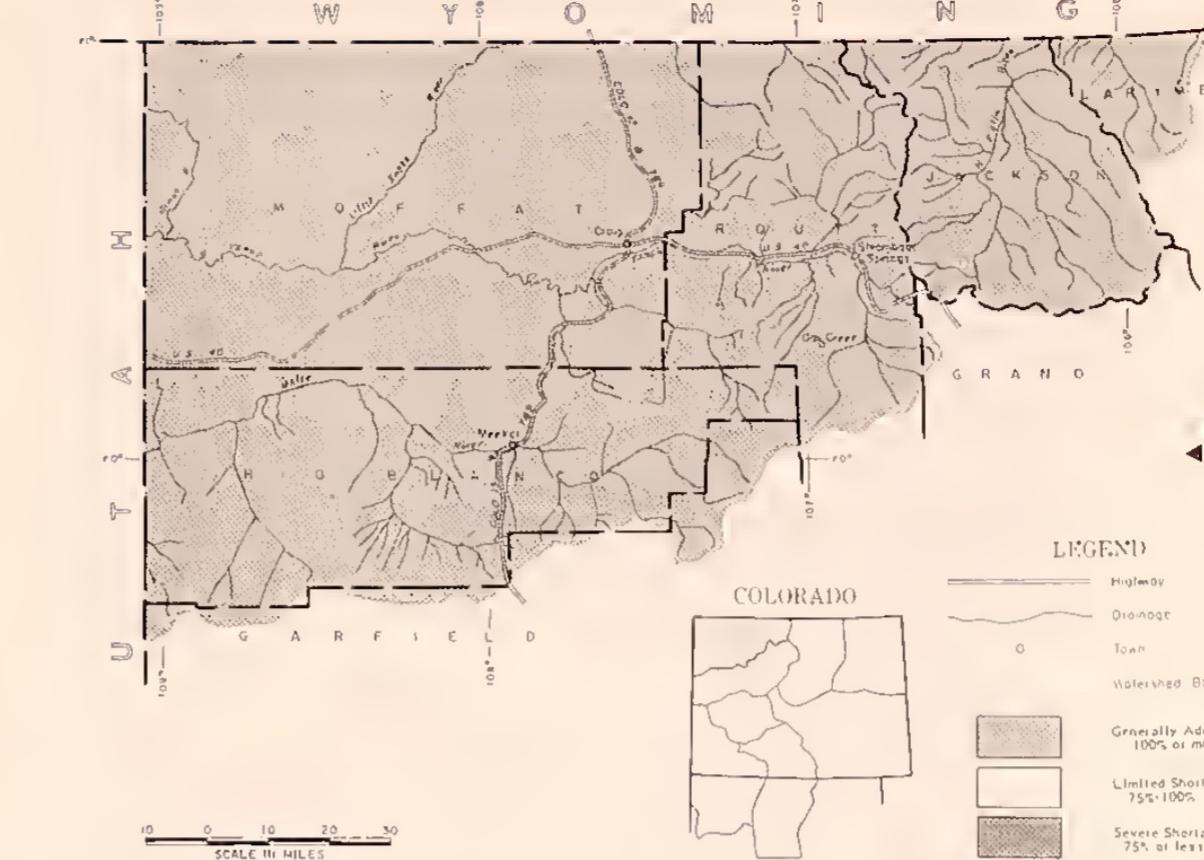
## WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" with Respect to Usual Supply

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	
	Spring Season	late Season
Coal Creek	Avg	Fair
North Fork of South Platte	Avg	Avg
North Fork of Cache La Poudre	Avg	Fair
Ralston Creek	Fair	Fair
Rock Creek	Fair	Fair
South Platte from Greeley to Fort Morgan	Avg	Avg
South Platte from Fort Morgan to Sterling	Avg	Avg
South Platte below Sterling	Avg	Avg

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period	Reservoir	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage	
				This Year	Last Year
Antero	16	15	15	14	
Barr Lake	32	20	16	23	
Black Hollow	8	3	3	4	
Boyd Lake	44	37	16	37	
Cache La Poudre	10	8	6	7	
Carter Lake	109	99	72	91	
Chambers Lake	9	4	4	3	
Cheeseman	79	36	27	48	
Cobb Lake	34	4	0	14	
Eleven Mile	98	91	83	86	
Empire	38	11	23	29	
Fossil Creek	12	7	7	8	
Cross	43	20	23	28	
Halligan	6	4	3	42	
Horseshoe	144	84	38	95	
Jackson	35	23	29	32	
Julesburg	28	20	20	20	
Lake Loveland	14	77	9	9	
Lone Tree	9	1	5	6	
Mariano	5	4	5	5	
Marshall	10	3	2	4	
Marston	17	16	16	15	
Milton	24	14	13	13	
Point of Rocks	70	63	58	62	
Prewitt	33	22	14	20	
Riverside	58	29	34	52	
Standley	42	29	19	23	
Terry	8	5	6	5	
Union	13	11	9	10	
Windsor	19	11	7	11	

WATERSHED SNOWPACK  
Based on 5 Selected Snow Courses**YAMPA, WHITE AND NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO**

## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

SNOW



**ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED IN COLORADO**SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS  
(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN AND SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	1963-77 Average
Arkansas	11	114	135
Cucharas	2	189	129
Purgatoire	1	172	142

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

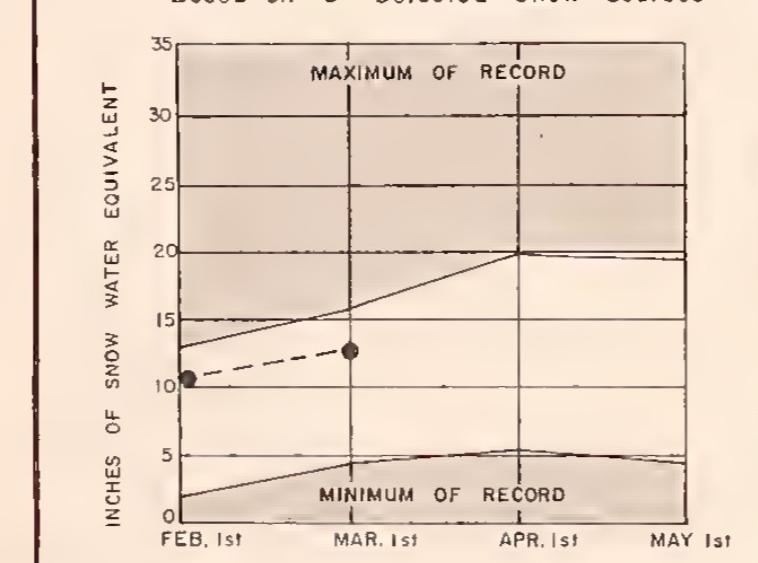
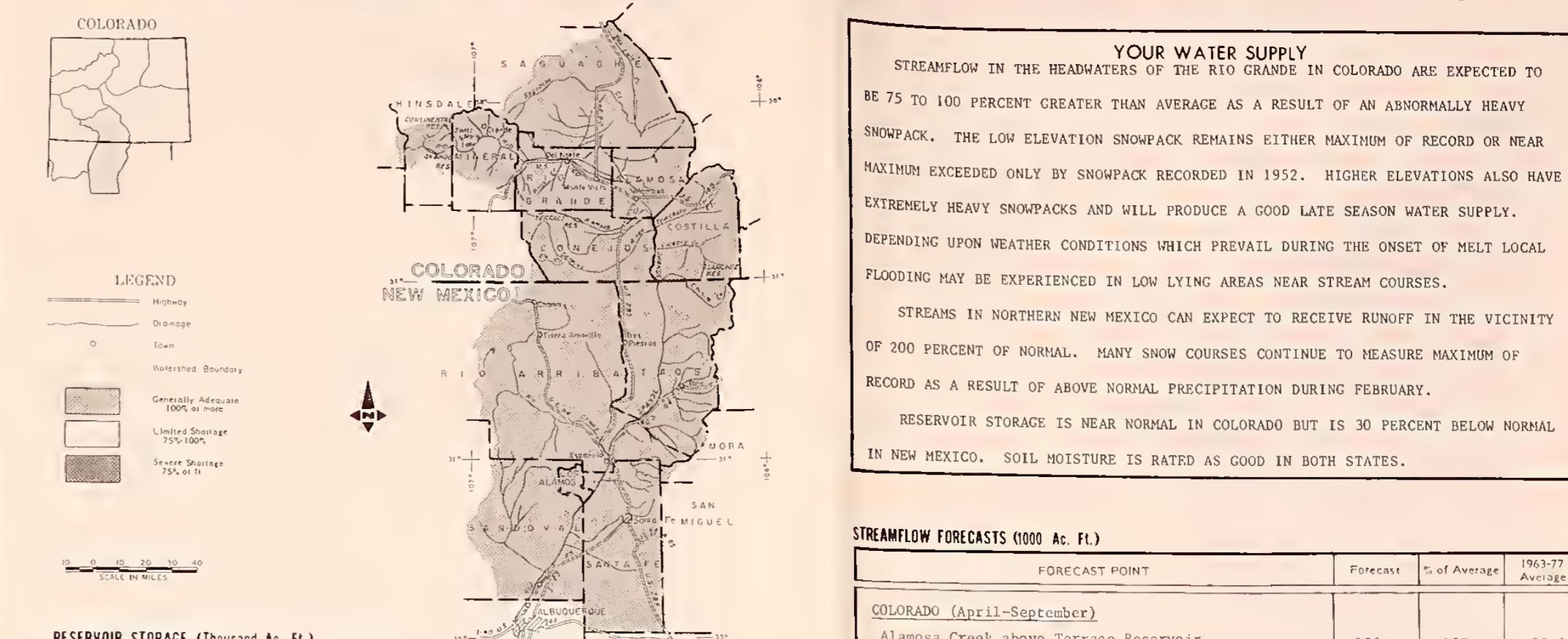
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	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	LAST YEAR	Avg. 63-77
<b>ARKANSAS BASIN</b>					
Arkansas River					
Bigelow Divide	2/23	23	5.9	3.1	5.6
Bromley	Discontinued				
Cooper Hill (B)	2/27	38	9.7	11.6	8.5
East Fork	2/27	35	8.4	10.8	8.0
Four Mile Park	2/26	30	7.2	5.1	4.9
Fremont Pass	2/27	51	13.6	18.8	12.3
Garfield	2/28	47	15.6	11.4	11.0
Hermit Lake	2/26	40	13.2	5.6	7.6
Monarch Pass	2/28	57	19.0	16.6	13.4
South Colony	2/26	79	29.4	--	--
Tennessee Pass	2/26	39	9.9	12.2	8.2
Twin Lakes Tunnel	2/27	44	13.4	12.9	8.0
Westcliffe	2/26	35	11.5	4.0	6.6
<b>CUCHARAS RIVER</b>					
Apishapa	2/26	21	5.6	4.4	6.4
Cuchara Creek	2/26	28	6.8	5.1	--
La Veta Pass (B)	2/27	44	12.4	5.1	7.6
<b>PURGATOIRE RIVER</b>					
Bourbon	2/26	29	8.1	4.7	5.7
Whiskey Creek	2/26	34	9.5	--	--

## YOUR WATER SUPPLY

A COMPARISON OF BASIN SNOWPACK FIGURES FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 1 SHOWS A DROP OF 22 PERCENT IN THE HEADWATERS OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER ABOVE SALIDA. STREAMFLOW ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER AND ALL MAJOR TRIBUTARIES IS STILL EXPECTED TO FLOW BETWEEN 30 TO 40 PERCENT MORE THAN USUAL IF THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON BRINGS NORMAL PRECIPITATION. ABOVE NORMAL RUNOFF IS SORELY NEEDED TO REPLENISH DEPLETED RESERVOIR STORAGE WHICH CURRENTLY IS ONLY 27 PERCENT OF AVERAGE IN THE BASIN. SOIL MOISTURE IN MOST AREAS IS RATED AS ONLY FAIR TO POOR. ABOUT A MONTH REMAINS IN THE PRIME WINTER SNOW ACCUMULATION SEASON.

## STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 AC. FT.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Arkansas River near Pueblo (1)	364	140	260.0
Arkansas River at Salida (2)	370	128	288.0
Cocharas River near La Veta	11	121	9.1
Huerfano River near Redwing	19	142	13.4
Purgatoire River at Trinidad (3)	45	137	32.8

WATERSHED SNOWPACK  
Based on 5 Selected Snow Courses**RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO**

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH

Basin or Stream and Sub-Watershed	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
		This Year	Last Year	1963-77 Average
<b>COLORADO</b>				
Continental	27	7	5	4
Platoro	75	14	13	9
Rio Grande	46	11	6	17
Sanchez	103	6	5	10
Santa Maria	45	6	4	6
Terrace	18	-	0	6
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>				
Avalon	5	5	2	4
Caballo	344	48	20	68
Conchas	273	92	108	134
El Vado	195	52	29	32
Elephant Butte	2195	266	230	417
McMillan	34	23	10	15
Sumner	11	31	48	64

SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS  
(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

RIVER BASIN AND SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF	
		Last Year	1963-77 Average
Alamosa	1	241	184
Conejos	5	212	194
Culebra	4	194	193
Rio Grande, CO	12	254	204

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	LAST YEAR	Avg. 63-77
<b>RIO GRANDE BASIN-COLO.</b>					
Alamosa River	2/28	38	9.4	3.9	5.1
Silver Lakes					
Conejos River					
Cumbres Pass	2/22	95	31.9	17.1	16.0
Cumbres Trestle	2/22	108	37.1	19.6	18.1
La Manga	2/23	98	28.8	12.0	14.2
Platoro	2/22	76	22.8	9.5	13.8
River Springs	2/27	35	10.0	3.5	5.2
Pinos Mill	2/28	102	29.0	--	17.3
Culebra River	2/28	44	13.6	6.0	4.9
Brown Cabin	Discontinued				
Cottonwood (B)	2/26	47	14.3	10.2	7.2
La Veta Pass (B)	2/27	44	12.4	5.1	7.6
Trinchera (B)	2/27	42	10.8	5.0	6.8
Rio Grande	2/27	78	26.1	--	7.1
Big Meadows	2/27	61	18.5	--	7.1
Bristol Head	2/22	44	12.4	5.1	7.6
Cochetopa Pass	2/22	30	7.1	5.0	4.1
Grayback	2/27	69	23.2	8.9	12.1
Hiway	2/27	108	37.5	15.5	19.3
Lake Humphrey	2/23	55	15.3	3.4	5.1
Love Lake	2/26	59	17.3	6.0	6.1
Middle Creek	2/26	92	33.1	--	7.1
Pass Creek	2/27	70	22.2	6.5	10.5
Piedra Peak	Discontinued				
Pool Table	2/27	43	10.7	2.8	4.9
Porcupine	2/25	60	16.9	6.9	8.2
Santa Maria	2/25	42	10.9	4.3	4.1
Upper Rio Grande	2/27	54	16.2	6.6	7.2
Wolf Creek Pass	2/27	114	41.0	19.3	21.8
Wolf Cr. Summit (B)	2/27	125	44.2	18.2	22.7

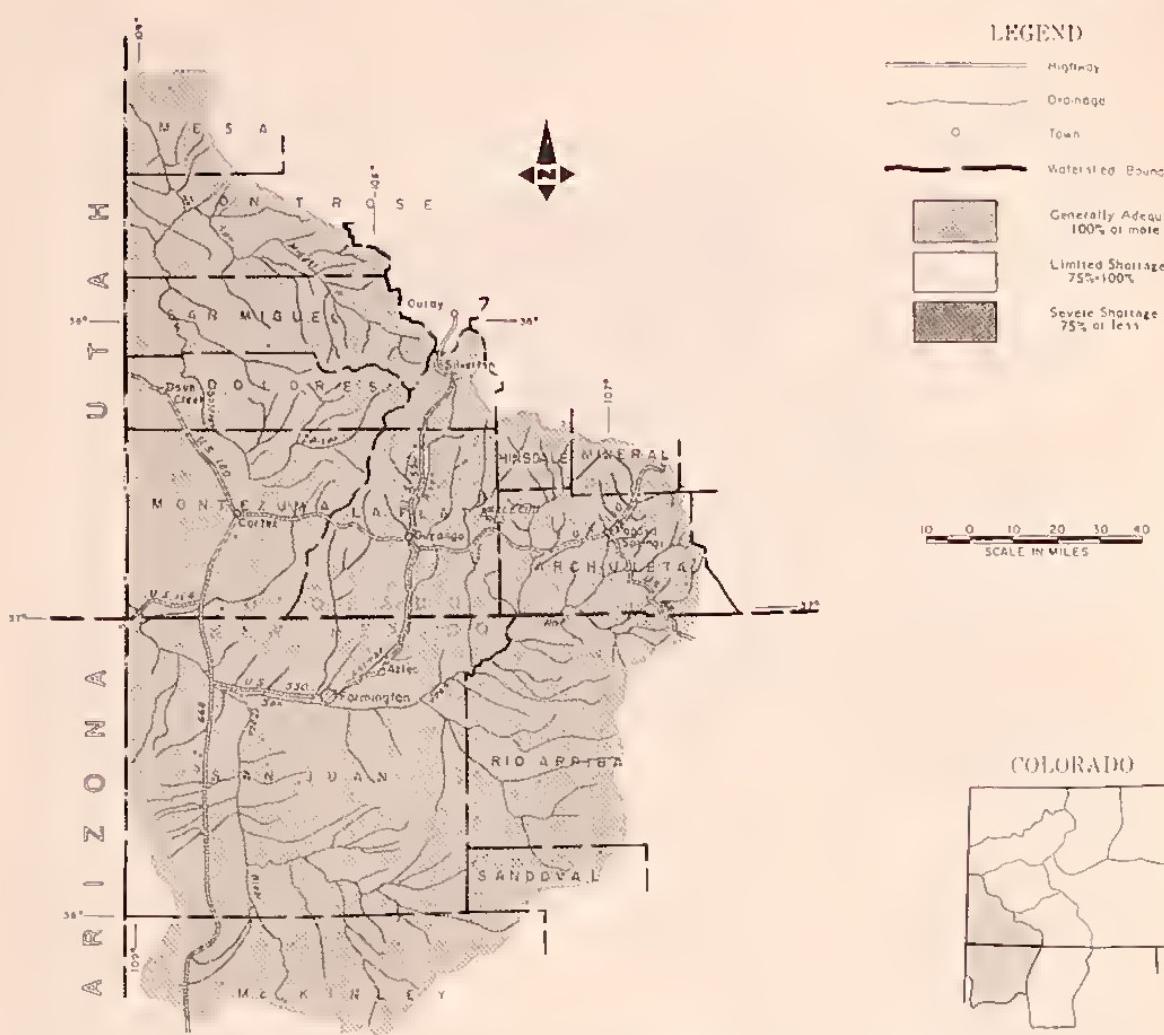
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YOUR WATER SUPPLY  
STREAMFLOW IN THE HEADWATERS OF THE RIO GRANDE IN COLORADO ARE EXPECTED TO BE 75 TO 100 PERCENT GREATER THAN AVERAGE AS A RESULT OF AN ABNORMALLY HEAVY SNOWPACK. THE LOW ELEVATION SNOWPACK REMAINS EITHER MAXIMUM OF RECORD OR NEAR MAXIMUM EXCEEDED ONLY BY SNOWPACK RECORDED IN 1952. HIGHER ELEVATIONS ALSO HAVE EXTREMELY HEAVY SNOWPACKS AND WILL PRODUCE A GOOD LATE SEASON WATER SUPPLY. DEPENDING UPON WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH PREVAIL DURING THE ONSET OF MELT LOCAL FLOODING MAY BE EXPERIENCED IN LOW LYING AREAS NEAR STREAM COURSES.

STREAMS IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

# SAN MIGUEL, DOLORES, ANIMAS AND SAN JUAN WATERSHEDS IN COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO



## SUMMARY OF SNOW MEASUREMENTS

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW MATER AS PERCENT OF		
		Last Year	1963-77	Average
Animas	8	164	191	
Dolores	5	125	158	
San Juan	5	198	194	

## SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

SNOW COURSE	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (INCHES)	WATER CONTENT (INCHES)	PAST RECORD				
				LAST YEAR	AVG. 1963-77			
<b>SAN JUAN-DOLORES BASIN</b>								
<b>Animas River</b>								
Cascade	2/27	65	24.2	12.1	10.4			
Lemon	2/28	62	21.6	7.7	8.3			
Mineral Creek	2/26	64	24.1	15.4	12.6			
Molas Lake	2/26	59	20.4	13.4	11.2			
Purgatory	2/27	97	34.9	18.4	16.5			
Red Mt. Pass (B)	2/26	94	32.8	29.6	24.0			
Silverton Sub-Sta.	2/26	46	13.8	8.9	7.4			
Spud Mountain	2/27	102	36.9	21.6	19.1			
<b>Dolores River</b>								
Lizard Head	2/26	70	21.4	17.4	13.9			
Lone Cone	2/26	65	21.2	16.0	13.9			
Ophir Loop	2/27	62	17.6	16.0	--			
Rico	2/26	52	15.5	8.2	7.2			
Snow Spur	2/26	67	20.0	--	--			
Telluride	2/27	39	10.0	10.2	7.3			
Trout Lake	2/27	57	17.9	16.9	12.0			
Groundhog	2/26	51	17.2	--	15.2			
<b>San Juan River</b>								
Chama Divide (B)	2/23	32	7.1	6.9	3.2			
Chamita (B)	3/1	50	14.4	9.3	7.6			
Upper San Juan	2/27	134	48.2	24.4	24.6			
Wolf Cr. Pass (B)	2/27	114	41.0	19.3	21.8			
Wolf Cr. Summit	2/27	125	44.2	18.2	22.7			
La Plata	2/27	81	26.8	--	16.2			
Mancos T-Down	2/27	70	27.4	--	16.6			

NS-No survey.  
(B)-On adjacent drainage.

## STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1000 Ac. Ft.) April - September

FORECAST POINT	Forecast	% of Average	1963-77 Average
Animas River at Durango	750	176	425.0
Dolores River at Dolores	420	180	233.0
La Plata River at Hesperus	45	191	23.5
Los Pinos River at Bayfield (1)	350	172	204.0
Mancos River near Towac (2)	50	228	21.9
Inflow to Navajo River (1 & 3)	NWS	1250	608.0
Piedra Creek at Arboles	NWS	390	194
San Juan River at Carracas		700	189
San Miguel River at Placerville		190	153
			124.0

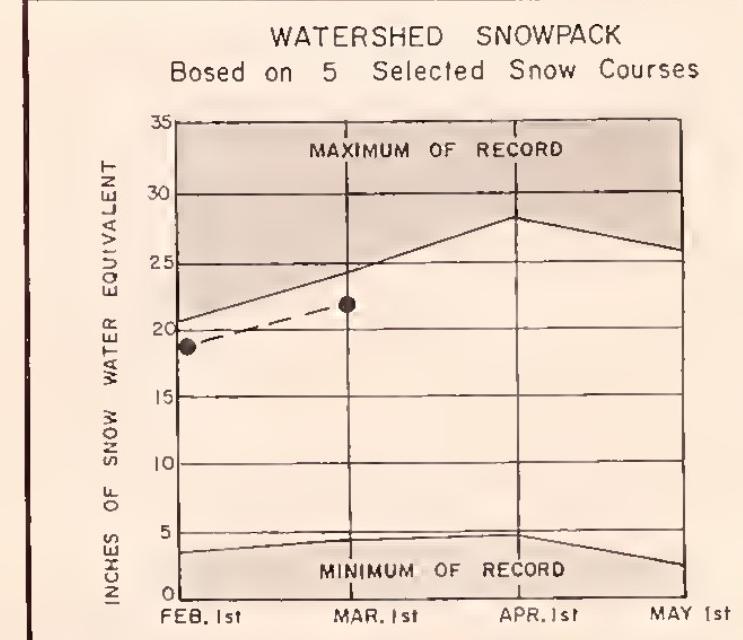
(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Vallecito Reservoir. (2) March-July. (3) April-July.

## WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Expressed as "Poor, Fair, Average, Excellent" With Respect to Usual Supply.

STREAM or AREA	Flow Period		RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
	Spring Season	Late Season			This Year	Last Year	1963-77 Average
Florida River	Exc	Avg	Groundhog	22	9	7	10
Hermosa Creek	Exc	Avg	Jackson Gulch	10	2	4	5
West Dolores River	Exc	Avg	Lemon	40	8	5	18
Williams Creek	Exc	Avg	Navajo	1696	1167	936	689
			Vallecito	126	40	22	55

## RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Ac. Ft.) END OF MONTH



## WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK BY MAJOR WATERSHED AREAS

### -GUNNISON RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Delta, Gunnison, Cimarron, Shoshone, and Uncompahgre Soil Conservation Districts.

### -COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in DeBeque, Plateau Valley, Lower Grand Valley, Bookcliff, Eagle County, Middle Park, Glade Park, Upper Grand Valley, South Side, and Mt. Sopris Soil Conservation Districts.

### -SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Fort Collins, Big Thompson, Langmont, Boulder Valley, Jefferson, Teller-Park, Douglas County, Morgan, Kiowa, West Arapahoe, West Adams, East Adams, Platte Valley, Southeast Weld, and West Greeley Soil Conservation Districts. Also describes water supply conditions in Sedgwick, South Platte, Hoxton, Peetz, Padroni, Morgan, Rock Creek, and Yuma Soil Conservation Districts.

### -YAMPA, WHITE AND NORTH PLATTE RIVERS WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Yampa, Moffat, West Routt, East Routt, North Park, White River, and Douglas Creek Soil Conservation Districts.

### -ARKANSAS RIVER WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Lake County, Upper Arkansas, Fremont, Custer County Divide, Fountain Valley, Black Squirrel, Central Colorado, Turkey Creek, Pueblo, Bessmer, Olney Boone, Cheyenne, Upper Huachuca, Stonewall, Spanish Peaks, Purgatoire, Branson Trinchera, Western Baco, Southeastern Baca, Two Buttes, Bent, Timpanogos, Northeast Prowers, Prowers, Kiowa County, West Otero, East Otero, Prairie, Hi Plains, and Double El Soil Conservation Districts.

### -RIO GRANDE WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in Rio Grande, Center, Conejos, Mosca, Hooper, MT. Blanco, Sanchez, and Culebra Soil Conservation Districts. Also describes water supply conditions in Upper Chama, East Rio Arriba, Taos, Lindrith, Jemez, Santa Fe - Pojoaque, Sandal, Tijeras, Cuba, and Edgewood Soil Conservation Districts.

### -DOLORES, SAN JUAN, AND ANIMAS RIVERS WATERSHED

Describes water supply conditions in San Miguel Basin, Dove Creek, Dolores, Mancos, LaPlata, Pine River, San Juan, San Miguel Basin, and Glade Park Soil Conservation Districts.